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## Rightmind Kindergarten

### 2012 Easter Austria Music Experience Tour (10 days, 3 – 12 Apr)

*~ A Lifetime Experience of Music Enlightenment ~*

Since 2005, the **HKPMA Limited ("HKPMA")** joined hands with **Johann Brahms School of Music ("JBSM")** of Mürzzuschlag in Austria to start World Music Academy program. The aims of the academy are to provide young music learners with a unique opportunity to learn, to make and to share music with some of the most distinguished artists and professors from Austria. In year 2010, HKPMA brought the first group of **Rightmind Kindergarten ("RMKG")** to Austria and studied at JBSM for 10 days, both kids and parents were immensely inspired by the professional and passionate music educators and coaches at the school and the tour marked unforgettable memories in hearts of the kids and parents and a milestone for RMKG.

In view of overwhelming positive feedback in 2010, we are delighted to introduce a 10-days Austria Music Experience tour to all the families of RMKG in this Easter. **Students of aged 4 or above with their families** from RMKG are invited to join. We believe the tour will add great value to your children in early development, ignite their interest in music and art, and become a valuable lifetime experience of musical enlightenment to your family.

#### For Your Children

Children learn fast starting at the **age of 4** when they experience through all their senses in a joyous way.

- ✓ Highest quality of musical training led by camp director, Michael Koller (Director of JBSM) and advisor, Professor Ernst Smole (former Director of JBSM) together with their professional faculty and choral coach recommended by the Vienna Boy's Choir.
- ✓ Fun-filled music training includes German choral training, instrumental solo class (piano, violin & cello) and ensemble, and music appreciation.
- ✓ Enhanced bonding through parent's active participation in children's learning.
- ✓ Other cultural experience includes Art & Craft class, Austrian folk dance, Brahms hiking route, and cooking class (for parents).
- ✓ An ideal platform to learn and experience the Austrian culture and language (German), plus music inspiring tours to historic sites of utmost musical interests from famous composers like Mozart, Beethoven, Strauss, Brahms and Haydn.
- ✓ Graduation performance plus certificate presentation issued by JBSM at the end of learning.

#### Seeing is Believing!

RTHK has produced a documentary program featuring our 2005 World Music Academy @ Vienna, you may view this program at below link:

[http://myohk.com/class\\_course\\_detail.php?menu\\_id=14&pkey=22&class\\_year=2005&class\\_month=all](http://myohk.com/class_course_detail.php?menu_id=14&pkey=22&class_year=2005&class_month=all)

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## Appendix: Background Information

### 1. HKPMA Limited

HKPMA was founded by a group of professional music performers and music educators in 2002. Our motto is to educate young talents, amuse everyone and enrich lives through music integration. In 2003, we founded the Metropolitan Youth Orchestra of Hong Kong and regularly performed with outstanding international artists in public concerts. Today, we serve over 1,000 music learners from all music levels annually.

Starting 2005, we collaborated with Johannes Brahms School of Music, Austria to form the Vienna Music Academy Summer Program and over 800 students, parents and teachers have joined the program in the last 7 summers. In 2007, we expanded our music learning and performing platform to cover more places including Germany, England, Scotland, Japan, Singapore, Beijing and Shanghai. Our Summer Program was featured by RTHK in 2005 in a documentary program, covered by local Austrian newspapers; in 2009 our students made the debut performance at the Haydn Concert Hall of Eisenstadt Austria, of which all received high level of acclaim from the participants and audience.

*Our partnering schools and music institutions include:*

Marymount Secondary School, St. Paul's Secondary School, St. Mark's Secondary School, La Salle Primary School, St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Maryknoll Convent School, CCC Kei Wan Primary School, Pui Ching Primary School, Rightmind International Nursery and Kindergarten, City University Philharmonic Orchestra, Metropolitan Youth Orchestra.

### 2. Johannes Brahms School of Music, Austria ("JBSM")

JBSM was established in 1948 in Mürzzuschlag of Austria; it now has more than 600 music students. The school is under patron of the Vienna Philharmonic orchestra and students are trained in the direction of orchestral musicians. The school regularly invites world famous musicians for master-classes, and concerts and the school is famous in Austria for training young talented music students. The school is currently under the directorship of Mr. Michael Koller since August 2011. In 2005, JBSM has invited the most famous conductor, Nikolaus Harnoncourt, to conduct a concert with the Brahms music school orchestra.

In 1884/1885, the renowned composer Johannes Brahms composed in Mürzzuschlag his 4th symphony. In the year between 1913 and 1929, Anton Webern also lived in Mürzzuschlag and composed many of his works. Gustav Mahler lived in this place and Clara Schumann also visited Brahms in Mürzzuschlag. Every year there is Brahms music festival and workshop of Anton Webern in Mürzzuschlag.

### 3. Honorary Camp Advisor: Professor Ernst Smole (Former Director of Johannes Brahms School of Music)

A highly regarded music educator in Austria, Professor Smole is the award recipient of the Nikolaus Harnoncourt Award (2008) presented by the Switzerland Government, praising his innovative pedagogic method and his contribution to music education.



During his the course of his studies, Professor Smole dedicated to the study of Music Education, Cello Performance and Conducting. Being a devoted music educator, Professor Smole is appointed as the Director of Johannes Brahms Music School Mürzzuschlag. He is also the Guest Professor of various universities in Austria and Germany and he constantly gives conducting masterclasses in Austria, Hungary, Germany, as well as Japan. He has worked with numerous orchestras across Europe, like Orchestra of Vienna Volksoper (Austria), Moscow Philharmonic (Russia), Orchestra of Budapest Conservatory (Hungary) and Romanian State Philharmonic (Romania), to

name a few; Dallas Symphony in the US as well as Kosei Symphony Orchestra Tokyo in Japan.

#### 4. Music Camp Director: Michael Koller (Director of Johannes Brahms School of Music)



Mr. Koller assumed the role as the Director of Johannes Brahms Music School (JBMS) on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2011. He started teaching at JBMS and in charge of all brass instruments since 1986 and worked closely with former director Prof. Smole on the World Music Academy Projects of HKPMA for Hong Kong students since 2005. He also organizes concerts, workshops courses for students from Hong Kong and other countries.

Studied trumpet and graduated at the University of Music in Graz and Oberschützen (Austria), Mr. Koller also conducts several ensembles and orchestras in the region of Mürzzuschlag, and tour with several orchestras in Europe, such as Gustav Mahler youth orchestra, under the conducting from Maestros Claudio Abbado and Franz Welsler-Möst, and had masterclasses with Malte Burba, Stanko Arnold, Maurice André, Carole dawn-reinhardt and Hans Gansch.

#### Travel and Campus Information

Official airline – Lufthansa Airline

Mürzzuschlag accommodation – 4 stars hotel

Travel arrangement – Swire Travel Services Ltd

#### Discovering the Rich Music and Austrian Culture

- ◆ **The Stadtpark** where the famous “golden Strauss” monument of “the Waltz King” Johann Strauss II and Franz Schubert monument situated.
- ◆ **Musikverein** is also known as Golden Hall. Music lovers throughout the world know it as the centre of Viennese musical culture, as the focus of the international concert circuit and as the Eldorado of classical music.
- ◆ **Beethoven Pasqualati house** where he composed the famous Symphony No. 5.
- ◆ The **Esterházy Palace** in Eisenstadt- The Esterházy were one of the wealthiest and most influential Hungarian families of the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Haydn worked for them for nearly 30 years from 1761.
- ◆ **Mariazell** is by the grace statue *Magna Mater Austriae* in the Basilica of the Nativity by far the most important pilgrimage site in Austria.
- ◆ **The House of Music** opened in 2000, a museum where we could find the history of Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra and Viennese music masters including Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Strauss and Mahler. students will experience conducting the Vienna Philharmonic through the “virtual conductor” program.
- ◆ **St. Stephen’s Cathedral** where many famous composers like Haydn, Mozart and Strauss II got married.
- ◆ **Central Cemetery** the final resting place for many famous composers.
- ◆ **The Cemetery of St Mark** is notable for being the gravesite of great composer Mozart.
- ◆ **Strauss Apartment is** Johann Strauss composed the world-famous waltz "The Blue Danube", Austria's "unofficial national anthem"!
- ◆ **Danube Tower** is the tallest free-standing structure in Austria near the north bank of the Danube River overseeing the city of Vienna.

<b>Day</b>	<b>2012 Easter Austria Music Experience Tour Itinerary (Tentative)</b>
Day 1 Apr 3 (Tue)	<b>Hong Kong → Vienna</b> ➤ Meals on flight
Day 2 Apr 4 (Wed)	<b>Vienna Music Capital Tour</b> Ringstrasse, Musikverein Golden Hall, Stadtpark, Beethoven Pasqualati House ~ (approx. 1.15 hrs by coach) Mürzzuschlag ➤ Lunch and dinner at local restaurant ➤ Hotel Winkler (Mürzzuschlag)
Day 3-6 Apr 5-8 (Thu-Sun)	<b><u>Student group:</u></b> <b>Murzzuschlag Johann Brahms School of Music (JBSM)</b> Morning: German choral singing with parent class, instrumental master class (individual lesson), others (Brahms Hiking route) Afternoon: Instrumental ensemble, others (music appreciation, Art & Craft class; half day excursions to Eisenstadt Schloss and Mariazell with parents on day 3 and 5)
	<b><u>Parent group:</u></b> Morning: German choral singing with kids class Afternoon: Music appreciation and Accordion workshop with kids, Cooking class (1 main course & 1 dessert) Day 3: half day excursion with kids to Eisenstadt Schloss – Esterhazy – Haydn Hall, Bergkirche ➤ Breakfast and lunch at hotel Winkler; Dinner at Eisenstadt Day 5: half day excursion with kids to Mariazell (traditional costume shopping) ➤ Breakfast and lunch at hotel Winkler; Dinner at Mariazell ➤ Day 4 & 6 Full board at hotel Winkler (Mürzzuschlag)
Day 7 Apr 9 (Mon)	<b>Graduation performance and Certificate Presentation by JBSM</b> Morning: Austrian Folk Dance Afternoon: Concert rehearsal Late afternoon: Graduation concert and certificate presentation@ Brahms Museum ➤ Full board at hotel Winkler (Mürzzuschlag)
Day 8 Apr10 (Tue)	<b>Vienna Music and Art Tour</b> Murzzuschlag ~ Vienna (approx. 1.15 hrs by coach) Spots: Danube Tower, Haus of Musik, St. Stephen's Cathedral, attend a Waltz concert in Vienna (optional and not included in tour fee) ➤ Breakfast at hotel; lunch and dinner at local restaurants ➤ Hotel Winkler (Mürzzuschlag)
Day 9 Apr11 (Wed)	<b>Vienna Music Capital Tour</b> Central Cemetery, St. Mark' s cemetery, Johannes Strauss Apartment Vienna airport → Hong Kong ➤ Breakfast at hotel; lunch at local restaurant; Dinner on flight
Day 10 Apr 12 (Thu)	Arrive Hong Kong (Afternoon)

*~ Itinerary subject to change without prior notice ~*

## Tentative Daily Itinerary for Students

Date	Apr 3 Tue	Apr 4 Wed	Apr 5 Thu	Apr 6 Fri	Apr 7 Sat	Apr 8 Sun	Apr 9 Mon	Apr 10 Tue	Apr 11 Wed	Apr 12 Thu
Morning		Arrive Vienna	Breakfast							
		Ringstrasse, Stadtspark	Choral Singing (jointly with the parents) (1 hr)				Austrian Folk Dance	Danube Tower	Central Cemetery,  St. Mark's Cemetery	
			Master Class / individual lesson (1.5hr)							
Afternoon		Lunch & break (2 hr)								
		Musikverein guided Tour, Beethoven Pasqualatihaus	Ensemble Training (1.5hr)				Dress Rehearsal	Haus of Musik; St. Stephen's Cathedral	Johannes Strauss Apartment	
			Eisenstadt Esterhazy Palace (Haydn tour)	Music appreciation with parents (1.5hr)	Mariazell tour	Art & craft class for students/ Cooking class for parents (1.5hr)	Graduation Concert (Brahms Museum)			
Evening	HK flight to Vienna	back to Murzzuschlag Check-in and Dinner	Dinner 1800-1930							Vienna to HK
		Dinner at Eisenstadt	Leisure/practice	Dinner at Mariazell	Leisure/practice	Dinner	Dinner at Vienna			
		Hotel Winkler								
									Arrive HK	

# MÜRZTAL UND RUND UM MARIAZELL

SAMSTAG, 3. JULI 2010, SEITE 31

## HONGKONG & MÜRZZUSCHLAG



Besuch aus Fernost. Kinder und Jugendliche aus Kindergärten und Schulen in Hongkong sind derzeit zu Gast in Mürzzuschlag, wo sie an der Brahms-Musikschule eine Menge lernen. Davon kann man sich heute, Samstag, um 11 Uhr beim Abschlusskonzert

der Zwei- bis Sechsjährigen im Stadtsaal Mürzzuschlag überzeugen. Morgen geben die größeren Gäste um 19.30 Uhr in der Musikschule ein Konzert, das Schlusskonzert beginnt am Mittwoch um 17 Uhr ebenfalls in der Musikschule. K.K.

## Denkmal für ein Denkmal

Der legendäre Kapfenberger Politiker Heinrich Scheibengraf wäre am 1. Juli 100 Jahre alt geworden. Ihm zu Ehren wurde nun eine Büste enthüllt.

Für Bürgermeisterin Brigitte Schwarz sind die beiden echte Kapfenberger Charakterköpfe: Jener, den die Bronzebüste darstellt und jener, der die Büste geschaffen hat. Der Abgebildete ist Heinrich Scheibengraf, Bürgermeister, Landtags- und Nationalratsabgeordneter und Gründer des Mürzverbandes.

Am Donnerstag wäre Scheibengraf 100 Jahre alt geworden, aus diesem Anlass wurde an diesem Tag eine Bronzebüste des verdienten Kapfenbergers im Besprechungszimmer des Mürzverbandes in Kapfenberg aufgestellt. „Das ist ein würdiger Platz für den Gründer des Mürzverbandes“, sagte Mürzverbands-Geschäftsführer Andreas Zöschner,



„hier haben wir unsere Sitzungen, und er ist hier stets für alle sichtbar“.

Geschaffen wurde die beeindruckende Bronzebüste von Prof. Alexander Diepold, der schwer

Mürzverbands-  
Chef Andreas  
Zöschner, Brigitte  
Schwarz und  
Edith Diepold,  
die Gattin des  
Künstlers

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krank ist, weshalb seine Gattin Edith am Festakt teilnahm. Auch die wegweisende Arbeit des „Stahlprofessors“ Alexander Diepold wurde beim Festakt gewürdigt. **FRANZ POTOTSCHNIG**



### KOMMENTAR

ULF TOMASCHEK

### Klimawandel

So manch geübter Kiebitz der Brucker Gemeinderatssitzungen kam am Donnerstagabend aus dem Staunen nicht heraus. Da brachte die ÖVP einen Antrag auf Änderung der Richtlinien für Wirtschaftsförderung ein – und Bürgermeister Bernd Rosenberger (SPÖ) meinte dazu: „Hier trennt uns gar nichts.“ (Seite 32)

Im Klartext: Der Antrag, der dem Stadtrat zugewiesen wurde, wird Wirklichkeit werden, wenn auch in modifizierter Form.

Wie überhaupt in der jüngsten Brucker Gemeinderatssitzung eines spürbar war: ein Klimawandel. Noch im Gemeinderatswahlkampf flogen die Fetzen, jetzt herrscht weitgehend ein konstruktives Miteinander. Daran änderten auch einzelne Meinungsverschiedenheiten nichts.

Wenn es den Mandataren aller fünf Fraktionen im Brucker Gemeinderat gelingt, dieses Klima bei allen ideologischen Unterschieden zu erhalten, gibt es einen großen Sieger: die Bürgerinnen und Bürger der Stadt Bruck, die sich diese Art der Klimaerwärmung ganz bestimmt gefallen lassen.

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### Tickets sichern!

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Mo.–Do. 8–16 Uhr, Fr. 8–13 Uhr

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Tel. 0316 871 871 11

<b>I) TOUR FEE (exclude air ticket)</b>	
Student fee	HK\$19,800 (per person)*
Parent and siblings fee	HK\$19,300 (per person)*
Estimated air ticket (subject to time of booking confirmation)	Approx. HK\$7,800+ (per person)
Estimated Fuel Surcharges, Security Charges & Airport Taxes (Quote as at Jan 2012 and subject to change by airline and exchange rate)	Approximately HK\$4,100 (per person) (Deduction of HK\$120 for age under 12 years old)
* Subject to 10% adjustment for peak season loading & currency fluctuation	
* Student/Parent and Rightmind Kindergarten faculty ratio is 15:1	

<b>II) TOUR FEE INCLUDES</b>
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- Accommodations are made on 2-4 beds sharing basis in Mürzzuschlag.
- Air-conditioned coach for transfer and sightseeing.
- Meals as specified in the itinerary.
- Tuition (for students only) as specified in the itinerary.
- Tipping for Hong Kong escorts, tour guides and drivers.
- Each participants can enjoy a free checked baggage (including instruments) allowance of not exceeding 20kg (44lbs) & one free cabin bag of not exceeding 10 kg (22lbs) [56x36x23cm(22x14x9 in) in size], these dimensions include wheels, handles and side pockets.

<b>III) TOUR FEE EXCLUDES</b>
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- All other expenses on purely personal nature such as laundry, phone calls, mailing etc.
- All transportation for stay behind, stay behind ticket supplement, any stay behind accommodation or upgraded flight and other expenses.
- Whether the transportation by aircraft, motor coach or any other means, or incident to the sea, fire, or delays or cancellations of or changes in itinerary or flights, of from any causes beyond the company control, or for loss that the company will be liable or responsible for any additional expenses or liability sustained or incurred by the tour participants as a result of any of the foregoing clauses.
- Air ticket, international airport tax, security charges and fuel surcharges.
- Visa fee & travel document.
- Personal travel insurance.

#### IV) PAYMENT ITEMS

- A non-refundable & non-transferable deposit of **HK\$14,000** will be collected for reservation on or before **15 Feb 2012 (Wed)**.
- Balance should be settled on or before **2 Mar 2012 (Fri)**. Failure to pay the balance will result in automatic cancellation and the deposit will be forfeited.
- Payment **MUST** be made in the form of cheque to “**HKPMA Limited**”.
- We are not obliged to any changes requested by tour participants in all agreed arrangement, e.g. transportation, itinerary, meals or hotel. The following schedule of penalty charges will be applied if any tour participant cancels or changes the reservation in writing.
  - 30-45 days prior to departure, 75% of the total tour fare per person
  - 30 days prior to departure, 100% of the total tour fare per person
  - The above penalty apply to each individual cancellation
  - The validity of all refund must be collected within 3 months from the departure day of the tour.
- No refund for any tour participant withdraw on the departure day or in part of the tour (such as give up itinerary including meals, sightseeing or accommodation) or rejected by the custom on arrival.

**Deadline of Application on or before: 15/2/2012 (Wed)**

Please hand in the deposit (Cheque payable to “HKPMA Limited”), passport copy and completed application form to Rightmind Kindergarten by hand. Please call 2521 7673 for any enquiries.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_ (K2/K3)

(Please tick your choice)

YES. I will join the 2012 Easter Austria Music Experience Tour --> please complete the below form

NO. I will not join the tour because \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION FORM FOR STUDENT**

Passport Name: (Chi): \_\_\_\_\_ (Eng): \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ (dd/mm/yy) HK ID No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport type: \_\_\_\_\_ Passport No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date\*: \_\_\_\_\_ (dd/mm/yy)

**\*MAKE SURE you have a valid travel document with at least 6 month's validity from returning date**

For any special meals and food/ medical allergy, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_ Years of learning: \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument as Checked Baggage: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight of Instrument (with case): \_\_\_\_\_ (kg)

Size of the Instrument (with case): Width: \_\_\_\_\_ (cm) Height: \_\_\_\_\_ (cm) Length: \_\_\_\_\_ (cm)

**PARENT CONTACT**

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**EMERGENCY CONTACT**  same as above parent contact

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Number: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

## APPLICATION FORM FOR PARENT(S) / SIBLING(S)

### 1) Name of Participating Parent/Sibling (same as passport):

(Chi): \_\_\_\_\_ (Eng): \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship with student: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_(dd/mm/yy) HK ID No.: \_\_\_\_\_

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For any special meals and food/ medical allergy, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**EMERGENCY CONTACT**  same as above parent contact

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Number: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_